

No. 11 An Act for preventing trivial Suits in the Provincial Court.

Liber R. G.  
1771  
[Preamble.]

Whereas, sundry Suits have been prosecuted in the Provincial Court wherein a proper Remedy might have been obtained in the County Courts with less Expence Vexation & Inconvenience.

Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by & with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor & the Upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the same That if any Action after the End of this Session of Assembly be brought in the Provincial Court or any Covenant or any Specialty for the Performance of Covenants or for the Performance or Sufferance of any Act or Acts, Thing or Things whatsoever & the Sum recovered or assessed & to which the Party recovering shall be entitled shall not exceed twenty Pounds Sterling or twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence Current Money or five thousand Pounds of Tobacco in every such Case no Costs shall be adjudged or awarded to the Party Plaintiff or Plaintiffs any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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[Any Action brought in the Provincial Court, for any Sum not exceeding 20 l. Sterling, &c. no Costs to be adjudged to the Party, &c. not for Actions of Assault and Battery, &c. Wherein damages recovered do not exceed 20 l. Sterling, &c.]

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Action of Assault & Battery or Trover & Conversion or for Slanderous Words or any Action upon the Case shall after the End of this present Session of Assembly be brought in the Provincial Court & therein Damages shall not be recovered or assessed above twenty Pounds Sterling or twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence Current Money in every such Case no Costs shall be adjudged or awarded to the Party Plaintiff or Plaintiffs & also if any of the Actions aforesaid herein before mentioned shall be first brought in any County Court & be thence removed to the Provincial Court at the Suit or on Behalf of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in Order for Trial & therein the Sum recovered or assessed shall not exceed twenty Pounds Sterling or twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence Current Money or five thousand Pounds of Tobacco in every such Case also no Costs shall be adjudged or awarded to the Party Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, any Law Statute Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

By the Lower House of Assembly November 1<sup>st</sup> 1771. Read & assented to.  
Signed by Order,  
Jn.<sup>o</sup> Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law.  
Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1771. Read & assented to.  
Signed by Order,  
U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

The Great Seal  
in Wax appendant

No. 12 An Act confirming to Samuel Cookson of Baltimore County sundry Lands therein mentioned.

Whereas Samuel Cookson of Baltimore County hath by his Petition set forth that on or about the nineteenth Day of September one thousand seven hundred & sixty three he purchased of a certain

[A Private Act.]